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Re: U.S. Serial No. 10/689,489 filed November 03, 2003
Entitled "Isolated Human Transporter Proteins, Nucleic Acid Molecules Encoding
Human Transporter Proteins, And Uses Thereof

Atty. Docket No.: CL001103CON

Please find attached a response to an Office Action(Restriction Requirement) mailed on
July 15, 2005 for the above-identified application.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gennady Merkulov, et al.

Serial No.: 10/698,489

Filed: November 3, 2003

For: ISOLATED HUMAN TRANSPORTER
PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER PROTEINS,
AND USES THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231*By Facsimile*

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on July 15, 2005 from Examiner Ulm in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above-referenced application.

Applicants have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected Groups I, II and III and have presented new claims directed to antibodies.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect the invention directed to antibodies to be examined.

Please amend the application as follows: